

though very late in the day, for the purpose of celebrating a centenary of the Charter in the month of December, the last Charter in the United Kingdom is that steps were not present year, so that there was ample time to organise some imposing carnival to suitably mark an epoch of no ordinary kind in which we should take pride. We are now, however, coming to the end of November, and as the celebration only takes place on the 1st of December, it is difficult to see how anything so adequately befitting the occasion could be organised and carried out within the limited time at disposal. But better late than never, and the effort about being made to the fullest extent that is possible. The resolutions signed by the Mayor and the Town Council have been issued, and the arrangements to be held at the Town Hall on the 1st of December, at one o'clock, to arrange for the celebration should take place. We will be a large and representative gathering, and that the project will be supported by the community in every way possible.

With the Limerick Municipal Exhibition and Art and the Irish Industries Exhibition, an important exhibition will be held in the Athenaeum on Saturday, the 3rd and 4th of December. Betty Balfour, who takes a most zealous interest in home industry, kindly opens the sale on the 3rd, and we may be certain to attract a large and fashionable attendance. We trust that the exhibition will be a very comprehensive collection for their kind of things, and the display which they have made at exhibitions elsewhere is every reason to believe that the specimens of handiwork and articles will be larger still. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded under all the leading headings, including White and Black Lace, Needle Work, Knitting, Crochet, Sewing, and Netting. Details will be given in the preliminary programme. The exhibition, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Irwin, will be held in connection with the Municipal Exhibition, and altogether we may expect the fixtures will be most successful in every sense of the word.

return of the runaway, or the arrival of a youthful Jack Tar at his parents' home. There are also two Monochrome Panel pictures. The entire is excellent value for 1s.

THE FUEL AND BLANKET FUND.

A preliminary meeting in connection with the Fuel and Blanket Fund was held yesterday in the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall. The Mayor presided, and there were also present—Very Rev. T. R. Shanahan, P. P., V. G.; Rev. Dr. Hallinan, P. P., St. Mary's; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, St. Michael's; Mr. Vincent Nash, J. P., Hon. Treasurer; Mr. James Flynn, Mr. Thomas Bourke, Mr. James Quin, J. P., and Mr. W. M. Nolan, Town Clerk. It was decided to adjourn the proceedings for a week so that a complete statement of accounts after the working of the fund last year might be prepared.

DEATH OF THE REV. D. TILSLEY.

We regret to record the unexpected death of the Rev. David Tilsley, Congregational Minister in this city, which took place yesterday afternoon at Barrington's Hospital. The deceased had been laid up for something like two months from an inward complaint, but the sad termination was not anticipated, and it has cast a gloom over his congregation, by whom he was highly esteemed, and not alone by them but by the representatives of other churches in the city. Mr. Tilsley came to Limerick three and a half years ago from London, and since then has had pastoral charge of the Congregational Church. He was a very earnest preacher and an active worker while his health permitted. Deceased was in his 44th year. Funeral will take place at nine o'clock to-morrow morning from the Congregational Church, after a short service has been held, for St. Munchin's.

AN ADVENTUROUS VOYAGE.

DRIVEN ACROSS THE OCEAN TO THE SHANNON.
The "P. G. Blanchard," which has made a rather unexpected visit to Limerick, had a most adventurous voyage, across the Atlantic. Something like seven weeks ago, the vessel, a Norwegian barque, left Cardiff in ballast for an American port, and when off the banks of Newfoundland she encountered a succession of most desperate gales, the result being that the seams of the ship opened above the water mark, and Captain Jackson and the crew had to put in timber wedges, so that the water would not pour into the hold. This arrangement, accomplished under conditions of no ordinary peril, proved successful, but the vessel being unable to make headway against the teeth of the gale, had to alter her course and make for the first port, which was the Shannon, which she made in the very quick time of eight or ten days. The vessel is at present in the floating dock.

A SERIES OF ACCIDENTS.

A number of accidents, more or less of a serious nature, occurred in the city within the last few days, and the resident surgeon at Barrington's Hospital had an unusual pressure of business to attend to. On Saturday a young fellow named James McEhan, residing at Blackboy, was treated for a contused wound on the side of the head. The boy got knocked against the wheel of a cart loaded with hay, which he was running after. He was detained in hospital. Michael Keating, Windmill street, a stoker at the gas works, was treated for burns on the side and back. While engaged at the furnaces he slipped and fell on some fire rakes. His clothes, however, prevented the burns from taking much effect, and his deten-

conductorship of the Limerick Railway, will be a decided financial success. The program appears in our advertising columns.

SUDDEN DEATH AT MILTOWN MALBAY.

On Saturday morning Dr. Sexton, Coroner West Clare, held an inquest on the body of Michael Callinan, tailor, Miltown Malbay, whose death took place on the previous night. From the evidence of his son Daniel, it appears the family had taken supper some short time before and were sitting at the fire. Deceased took a pipe to fill it, and whilst in the act of cutting tobacco he was noticed to swoon. Dr. Hill immediately in attendance, and on seeing him pronounced him dead. He was aged 78 years, and had never known a day's illness through life. The verdict was death from natural causes.

ACCIDENT IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

An accident, which fortunately did not prove serious, occurred to Miss T. O'Gorman, of Buncraggy, a well-known and daring horse woman yesterday morning, at the meet of Major H. Man's hounds. It appears that when leaping a ditch near Carnelly and Manus Miss O'Gorman's horse stumbled, throwing the young lady into the ditch and falling on her. For some minutes peril was extreme, and with considerable difficulty she was extricated from her perilous position and was then removed to Carnelly, residence of Mr. O'Donoghue, where every care and attention was shown her. To the great relief of her friends Miss O'Gorman proved to have sustained any serious injury, in fact beyond a severe shaking, and the fright nature of such an experience, the intrepid rider did not seem to be much the worse, and was able to return to Buncraggy in a couple of hours.

CORPORATION RATES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.
DEAR SIR.—Will you, with your usual kindness, permit me to use your columns for the purpose of replying to a large number of correspondents who have written to me to know what I pay the rates, the legality of which I dispute. They need not; they cannot be compelled to pay at least until my objections are disposed of; for fear of any misunderstanding, all rates previously must be, and have a right to be, paid at once.

Faithfully yours,
AMBROSE HALL
Mignon, November 22nd, 1897.

RATHEKEALE PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
These fortnightly Sessions were held yesterday before Major Rolleston, R.M.
A man named James Corbett was charged with drunkenness and also with causing obstructed passage. Head Constable McCormack proved the offence. The defendant had been evicted from his house and allowed his chattels to remain on the street for three days.
The defendant's wife appeared and informed the court that they were evicted on a Saturday night and they could not remove the furniture on a Sunday.
For each offence a fine of 2s with costs imposed.
Patrick Ryan was summoned by Constable Golding for allowing his dog to be unmuzzled.
The defendant, who is blind, said the dog was his guide and protection, and he wished to know if he were bound to have him muzzled.
Major Rolleston—You are.
Head Constable McCormack called attention to the fact that the dog was still unmuzzled.
Defendant—Maybe I would not have the muzzles